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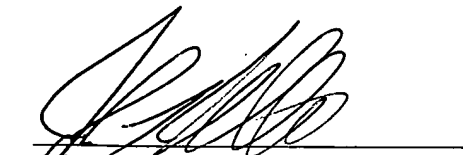
In re Application of :
Lee W. Johnston : DECISION ON PETITION
Serial No.: 09/997,233 :
Filed: November 30, 2001 :
For: Improved Convection of Absorbent :
Cores Providing Enhanced Thermal :
Transmittance :

This is in response to the petition applicant filed on January 7, 2003 to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d).

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, VIII, thus the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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